

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0028] by rewriting the same as follows:

-- [0028] A pair valve members 22 and 22a (Fig. 2) are secured within handle 21 to prevent liquid within a joint or body cavity from leaking out of the proximate end 12 of the cannula 10 after the cannula 10 has been inserted into a body cavity. Valve members 22 and 22a can be provided from any suitable flexible material such as rubber or latex that will prevent seepage or leakage of fluid from a body cavity through the proximate end 12 of the cannula 10. Insertion means, preferably, A a cross-shaped or X-shaped slit 23 is formed in each of the valve members 22 and 22a to enable an instrument to be inserted through the valve members 22 and 22a and through the cannula body 11. --